

SERIES INSIGHT

In our first full series for 2024, **Consumer or Consumed?**, we are tying in the heartbeat of "Hallelujah" and taking a more introspective look at ourselves and our longing and hungering for God. We are ineffective being just "consumers". But something comes alive in us when we bask in the presence of God as he "consumes" us - he is afterall, an all consuming fire (see Hebrews 12:29).

ICEBREAKER

• What are your top three most used emojis?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. **Review the Message**. Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
- 2. Follow up to last week... How can we, as a small group or community, support each other in times of difficulty and pilgrimage? Share ideas on building a supportive and encouraging community. Choose ONE to commit to doing this semester together.
- 3. What does the phrase "They go from strength to strength" mean to you?
- 4. Can you share a personal experience where you felt God's strength guiding you?
- 5. How do you cultivate a habit of listening to God in your daily life?
 - **Leader Note:** Be discerning with your group on this question. Some people feel that "God doesn't speak to me" or "I can't hear God". Consider leaning in on different ways God does speak (ie. His Word, nature, other people, miracles, etc) and then help tie that in to how we can "listen" for him in those things as well.
- 6. What challenges do you face in hearing God's voice amidst the busyness of life?
- 7. Reflect on times when you've witnessed God's faithfulness in your life. Share examples of moments when you felt God's response to your prayers.
- 8. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your present faith? Encourage each other by sharing stories of answered prayers and God's provision.

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.

